



**Van Asselt Community Center
PAT Meeting #3
May 18, 2004
Meeting Notes**

PAT Members Present: Monika Christine Mathews; Ed Rose; Kenneth Yu; Don Williams; Rim Ashafa; Henok Samson; Joy Moro; Mark Manuel. **Guests present:** Jean Crowhorn, Art Wong, and Aaron Power (artist chosen for the Van Asselt Community Center project)

Staff Present: Cheryl Fraser, Parks Southeast Sector Manager; Dan Johnson, Parks Project Manager; Clint Hooper, Community Center Coordinator; Ryan Nakanishi, Assistant Community Center Coordinator Joelle Ligon, Parks Public Relations Specialist; Karen Lynch, Parks Public Relations Specialist

5:30 Meeting at Van Asselt for shuttle ride to High Point

During the ride to High Point, a discussion took place in one van regarding parking and street access questions posed by PAT member Jenny Chung about the Van Asselt Community Center (VACC) parking lot, specifically people using the Center who turn around in Jenny's driveway and cause damage. Joy Moro of SHA talked with Jenny about resolving this and mentioned that it may be the responsibility of Parks. However, on further checking, this question needs to be resolved directly with SDOT, as a separate issue from the VAC building expansion plan.

6:00 p.m. Arrived High Point Community Center: Dinner and Welcome

Introductions and dinner, followed by Dan's welcome. He reviewed the agenda for the evening's meeting and tour, and noted a transition from Joelle Ligon to Karen Lynch, of public relations and public involvement responsibilities for this project. Dan thanked Joelle for all her great work. The meeting objectives were to tour the High Point facility, review the project objectives with the PAT, and get feedback, questions and thoughts from the PAT about the High Point facility.

6:30 p.m. Tour of the facility

- The tour of High Point began with a description of the multi-purpose meeting area used by the PAT, which was added on to the old structure during the expansion of High Point.
Items of note in room included:
 - natural daylight energy-saving features with motorized window screens, which were demonstrated by Joelle;
 - room dividers for dividing the room for smaller functions; masonry perimeter walls for long-lasting wear and easy maintenance and including barre rail for dance classes or practices;

- a “sprung” floor of the type used by NBA practice facilities. Energy absorption features in this floor help protect players’ or dancers’ joints. This type of flooring should last about 15 years and has three coats of varnish -- depending on the level of use, refinishing may be needed in about 12 years.
- The multi-purpose room can be rented for public use, at an hourly rate.
- Dan explained that the High Point facility was built to the specifications of the U.S. Building Council’s “LEED” Green Building Rating System™ (LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Van Asselt Community Center will be expanded at the LEED ‘certified’ level. (It may be possible to increase the expansion of VACC to a higher LEED level, depending on decisions made and options available within budget.)
- Cheryl and Dan led the group through the building and pointed out heating and cooling features; VACC will have one central air handling unit and will be able to control the heat in the gym, which is currently a problem.
- The PAT asked about lighting in the VACC gym: Dan will look for grant funding to pay for changing out and upgrading the current light fixtures in the Van Asselt gym.
- Dan showed the group the commercial community kitchen, and the adjoining room with “kid sized” furniture which is used for child care programs.
- The group looked at the High Point gym, with added showers and changing rooms, and at the Teen Center. Dan talked about decisions that had to be made by High Point’s PAT about the room that became the Teen Center (but was originally to be weight room).

7:15 p.m. Concluded facility tour; feedback on tour

- The group finished the tour with a quick view of the outside area, and convened again in the multi-purpose meeting room for brief concluding remarks.
- Dan mentioned that the Parks Department web page about the VACC project will soon be updated and include meeting minutes, and other information.

http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/Centers/current/Van_Asselt_Community_Center.htm)

7:30 - 8 p.m. Traveled back to VACC and Adjourned

Next PAT meeting: Tuesday, June 15

6:00- 8:00 p.m.

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Please note: *The first public meeting for this project will be held in mid-July. Date TBD.*